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Title: Need to give compensation to the farmers of Punjab who are unable to cultivate their lands due to border-fencing .

SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA (HOSHIARPUR): Punjab has a 553 km long international border with Pakistan. On account of their geographical location the four districts of Punjab i.e. Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tran Taran and Ferozpur are not as developed as others. The farmers of these districts need to be compensated at Rs. 10,000/- per acre annually for 18,500 acres of cultivable land situated across the border fence. The farmers have been deprived of cultivation on account of various restrictions place due to fencing. The border roads are required to be upgraded as these roads are also used by para military forces and army. These roads are of about 750 kms length. Further the State also require a package for setting up industries on the border as per the package given to Himachal Pradesh, J&K etc.